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Hi Everyone

Future

The challenges facing the shape of our game is unprecedented. Therefore, the work of the 'Working Group' is very important as we plot the future structure of the game.

What the future structure might look like is anybody's guess. It might be the same as is or we might see change as we consider a new societal norm. We encourage clubs, players, administrators, and directors to respond to the questionnaire. Closing date is 12 August 2022, so don't leave it too late to have your say.

Over the last few weeks, we have fielded questions relating to the current situation. We know Covid has been a major disruptor and with the rise in Covid numbers some clubs are doing it hard. Not surprisingly there has been a call for more flexibility and more online events, which we have declined for two principal reasons

1. To protect the integrity of the review
2. To mitigate the risk of unforeseen consequences.

Irrespective of whatever the future shape looks like we must ensure the integrity of the club structure is retained. Further we must have in place a framework that supports growing club membership and growing player participation.

As many of you know the structure of the 'Working Group' was expanded by the appointment of a 'Thinktank'. We were delighted by the number of players and administrators who expressed an interest in being part of the process. Due to level of support, we now have greater bandwidth to undertake deep dives into some of the critical matters that will help us shape the future of the game in New Zealand. It is an exciting time, probably the most consequential in the next 10 to 20 years.



Congress 2022

Planning is well underway. Hopefully Covid does not upset plans and we will be able to come together in Mt Maunganui. Readers are encouraged to read the updates posted on the website. We are excited to offer more events for restricted, intermediate, and novice players.

This will be the first time in 3 years that we can come together. Let us make it the biggest and best congress.

Youth Event

Again, we refer you to the website to learn more about this upcoming event. We encourage our youth players to take advantage of this event. If experience is anything to go by the event is exciting, a lot of fun, and is educational.

Regional Bridge Support Conference

At the beginning of August, the Regional Bridge Support officers are coming together to explore and share how best the team can help with the development of the game, growing membership, and growing player participation. We will share with you what they come up with.

Regards

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